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there are many recipients who feel that this is more accurate information than they would get from any news service.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: How about the source of use? Was it expanded to include more people or was it just to refine services...

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you want to know how many people are involved?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes, how many farmers take advantage of this program?

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Dickinson wants to answer.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, I might be able to help since Senator Schmit isn't here. This was legislation passed last year, Senator Lewis, and is certainly misnamed to be called the Egg Market News. Apparently, this is something that had been in the Ag budget over the years and so the \$40,000 that was appropriated last year was put in this area, I presume. This disseminates market news that is available and gathered and costs money through USDA market news service, Senator Lewis, but who didn't have a way to dispense it readily and often throughout the day. Now anybody in the state of Nebraska interested in the various markets, livestock, to my knowledge and the part that I am interested in, of course, is livestock markets, I can go back here to the phone now and dial a toll free number that gives me the very latest and what happened in the dressed beef, livestock, dressed pork, mercantile exchange, grain markets and so forth four times a day and it is a record. It is updated. It is quite a complicated system of telephone networks that was actually instigated by the Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association. It grew and grew and grew until it got beyond the point where they could handle it because it was being used and the demand was there and it was available not just through their members because there was no way to restrict it and they didn't want to. The demand was there from everybody, and believe you me, the customers, the packer buyer, the retailer, anybody interested uses these phone numbers and that is what it is doing to the best of my knowledge.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: And the farmers are really using it.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I wish I had a rundown but, yes, those who are interested really get on that telephone.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Then I have one other question, Mr. Chairman, on the bill, if I might. I apologize for reading these bills over the weekend. I thought that was the purpose to ask questions and offend Senator Clark. I will try not to do that again.

SENATOR MARVEL: You are not apologizing to me, are you?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Now, the other thing is, and again I am not being critical but for my own information, and I think that is at least important to me, there are a lot of very small little programs in here, Senator Marvel,